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Dear Mr. Volynov:

Your letter dated December 27, 1973, has been received and reviewed by the U.S. Working Group on Planning, Utilization and Management of Water Resources.

We agree with your proposal for a meeting in Moscow in May 1974 for a period of two weeks. We would suggest the period of May 12 through May 25, 1974. It is our recommendation that the meeting cover two (2) principal activities: (1) Agreement on a specific program of joint work; and (2) a tour of selected water management facilities. These activities to be the same as items 1.(a)(b) and 3. in the Preliminary Program included in your letter. The scheduling for these two items should be approximately equal in time.

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It is our suggestion that your preliminary program item 2.(a) Scientific and Technical Colloquium on the Question of Inter-basin Transfer of the Flow of Large Rivers, be included as a sub-item under 1.(a) and (b) along with the 20 items on Planning and Utilization and three items on management which I included in my July 13, 1973, correspondence to you. We believe that the major objective of the May 1974 Moscow meeting should be directed toward reaching agreement on the specifics of such joint work. Detailed scientific and technical colloquy and activity would follow immediately thereafter. At this point in time, we strongly endorse reaching accord on specific items that will result in mutual benefits to the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

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The U.S. team traveling to the U.S.S.R. in May will consist of individuals that are at the administrative, policy, and program level with broad interdisciplinary technical backgrounds. They will be prepared to discuss each item as to: objective; description, scope and state-of-the-art; potential joint undertakings; the U.S. priority rating; and scheduling and financing. We will be prepared to discuss the technical and scientific aspect of each item at a high and conceptual level. Detailed discussions must follow with personnel having specific and necessarily narrower scientific background and training. The proposed visit of U.S.S.R. specialists to the U.S. in August or September 1974 could initiate this kind of discussion.

It is planned that I attend and lead the U.S. Delegation to Moscow in May 1974. I will be accompanied by officials from the Corps of Engineers and the Departments of Interior and Agriculture. These officials will be identified to you at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

I would appreciate an early reply to this letter so that we may complete our plans for meeting with you in Moscow in May. We, on the U.S. Working Group, are quite anxious to move this program from the discussion stage into implementation.

Sincerely yours,

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